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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 14, 2002, setting a threemonth term for reply.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a), a one month extension of the period for reply, i.e., to up to and including May 14, 2002 is requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor (\$55.00 for small entity) and any additional required fee for this one month extension of time or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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